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MILLER PREDICTS WIDER COALITION

JEWISH LEADERS' REACTIONS
VARY ON SILVER-TRUMAN TIFF

By Z'EV KRONISH

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NEW YORK (NJP)—Reaction to the "Silver-Truman" episode among Jewish community leaders was varied, as the episode simmered down to a slow campaign boil this week, while many Jewish officials were reluctant to express their opinions.

As The Post went to press, it was learned that a special meeting of the American Zionist Council had been called for 4 P. M., Wednesday, Oct. 22. The notices for the meeting, which was to discuss the Truman-Silver-Eisenhower controversy, were sent out by telegram. The meeting is believed to have been called at the request of Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization.

Harold Manson, assistant to Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, asserted that Rabbi Silver's appointment with the Republican presidential nominee had been arranged "some days before" Truman's statement was issued, contrary to a N. Y. Times report that the meeting was set up following Truman's blast at the Republican Party.

DISCUSSED ISRAEL

Manson, who directs the ZOA commission on Israel and the Middle East, told The Post the meeting was devoted entirely to a discussion of American policy on Israel, and Rabbi Silver expressed criticism of Truman only after the conference, when reporters persistently requested his comment on Truman's charge.

The effect, said Manson, was to ignore drastically what had been the "sole purpose" of the meeting, to get Eisenhower to define his personal position on what American policy should be toward Israel.

Asked whether a similar conference had been arranged with Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic nominee, Manson said not to his knowledge. He explained that no urgency for such a meeting exists, since the Administration's policy speaks for itself.

Silver's visit to Eisenhower followed by three weeks a visit by Rabbi Irving Miller. According to some informed sources, Miller did not succeed in getting a statement from Eisenhower on what would be the attitude of a Republican administration toward Israel.

PERFECT RIGHT

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, president of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly of America and Reconstructionist leader, stressing that he was speaking in his own name said that Rabbi Silver had a "perfect right to inject himself into the campaign in any way he saw fit, as long as he made it quite clear that he was representing nobody but himself. To criticize him for speaking up would be tantamount to suggesting rabbis have no right to express themselves on political issues."

Rabbi Eisenstein added: "I say this as a supporter of Stevenson."

Rabbi Louis I. Newman charged Silver with hurting Zionism, adding that he created confusion among the general popu-

PRESIDENT TRUMAN
Charge and Countercharge

lation with respect to the relationship of religious leaders to political issues, and that he jeopardized the Jewish community. He condemned the use of synagogue and church propaganda in the election campaign.

"If Rabbi Silver really was interested in protecting the interests of the Jewish community, he would not have acted on his own in connection with General Eisenhower."

Rabbi S. Andhil Fineberg, community service director for the American Jewish Committee, told The Post that it is "unfortunate that after months in which bigotry was not even an issue in the election campaign, it has now entered through the back door. I hope that the impression will not be given to Americans and to the world, that our political leaders are at heart intolerant."

NOT JUSTIFIED

"A controversy involving wild and flamboyant charges of bigotry is neither justified by the facts nor good for our country."

"As for Rabbi Silver's statement, he was fully within his rights in speaking his own mind in the defense of a great American hero. Why should a rabbi be silent if he feels that an injustice has been done?"

Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, could not be reached for comment, but an aide said that he probably would not comment even if reached.

Rabbi Israel Levinthal, spiritual leader of the Brooklyn Jewish Center and newly-appointed chairman of the ZOA committee on Hebrew language and culture, told The Post that he's a great admirer of Dr. Silver, but added: "I do not believe it was the wisest step for him to enter into this dispute."

Pointing out that "there evidently was a misunderstanding

of Truman's statement, he noted that there "was no vital issue involved—I don't see why any spiritual leader should get involved in a dispute of this kind."

BIG ENOUGH

Asked if he thought the Silver episode might hurt the Jewish community, he said he thought the leaders of both parties are "big enough" to realize that Dr. Silver doesn't speak for the entire Jewish group. He added that those who know Rabbi Silver know he is a Republican.

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, would not comment on any phase of the Truman-Silver-Eisenhower developments. Neither would Rabbi James G. Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America which last week was censured by the Council for endorsing Stevenson.

Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, president of Hadassah, could not be reached for comment. Mrs. Judith Epstein, public relations chairman, was available but refused to make any statement.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein sharply criticized Silver's action as "unstatesmanlike." Ckrgy ought to refrain from engaging in political campaigns, he told The Post.

Rabbi Silver's action, said Rabbi Lookstein, "is involving Jews in this campaign. This should have been avoided. Rabbi Silver's position is as unfortunate as that of the Labor Zionist Organization, who endorsed Stevenson."

WILL BE FORGOTTEN

Asked what effect he thought the episode might have on Jewish community relations, he stated: "Silver's action will be forgotten along with other campaign matters after Nov. 4."

But he asserted Silver should not have "fallen prey to the misinterpretation of Truman's charges. As a teacher of religion, he should have studied the statement and realized that it did not accuse Eisenhower of being anti-Catholic or anti-Semitic."

Benjamin Browdy, former president of the Zionist Organization of America and an active Democrat, supported Truman's charges.

Browdy said: "As long as General Eisenhower does not deem it fit and expeditious to disengage himself from the company of (the) reactionaries in his camp, he will have no excuse to complain of the serious charges brought against him by President Truman."

SAYS GENERAL ZIONISTS
READY TO JOIN CABINET

(See earlier Miller Stories Inside)

NEW YORK (NJP)—Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, upon his return aboard the Queen Mary from a trip to Israel and Europe, predicted the early formation in Israel of a broad Government coalition "representative of all the forces devoted to the principle of a liberal democracy."

Reporting on his discussions with Prime Minister Ben Gurion, which were the main purpose of his trip to Israel, the ZOA head said the Israel General Zionists are ready to join the Government, but that the decision rests with Ben Gurion.

Asked to elaborate on his proposals to broaden the American Zionist Council, on which are represented eight major U.S. Zionist groups, Rabbi Miller said the Council ought to adopt a youth and halutzit program.

The N. Y. spiritual leader reported that the Israelis are hopeful that whatever are the re-

sults of the forthcoming American national elections, bipartisan support of Israel will continue. He declined comment on the Silver-Truman episode, saying he wasn't familiar with all the facts, since he was aboard ship when the incident erupted.

Asked to verify a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report of Oct. 17 that he said in London that "individual Zionist parties outside Israel had outlived their purposes," Miller said he didn't remember having made such a statement.

LZOA REJECTS AZCOUNCIL
CENSURE OF PRO-ADLAI STAND

NEW YORK (NJP)—The struggle to define the rights and responsibilities of American Zionist groups who wish to participate, as such, in American general civic affairs continued this week, when Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, rejected a statement by the Labor Zionist Organization claiming it had the right to endorse the candidacy of Adlai Stevenson and John Sparkman, and that the issue was beyond the jurisdiction of the Council.

The Council, on which LZOA and seven other major U.S. Zionist groups are represented, had adopted by 7-3 a resolution saying: "In answer to inquiries concerning the endorsement of one presidential candidate by one of its affiliated groups, the American Zionist Council reaffirms that it is committed in the ensuing national election, and has been committed, to a bi-partisan approach, and regrets any action to the contrary." (NJP, Oct. 17, 1952)

DENIES RIGHT

In rejecting the LZOA's protest, Lipsky declared: "The American Zionist Council has accepted responsibility for the public relations policy of the Zionist movement in the U.S. . . . Conceding the right (to endorse a political candidate) claimed by the LZOA, we submit that it is estopped from exerting that right by reason of its voluntary membership on the Council, its active participation in framing the policies of the Council and by its recorded affirmative vote on the policy we have been following."

The LZOA statement, which appeared over the signature of Rabbi James Heller, president, denied "specifically and generally the right of the Council to consider or act upon" the question of the organization's endorsement of the Democratic nominees.

The LZOA declared: ". . . It has been (our) declared policy and practice to take part in, and to make declarations concerning issues and candidates in Ameri-

can elections. This derives from the fact that we are not only a Zionist party; we are also a Labor party.

"This has nothing whatsoever to do with the American Zionist Council," the statement continued, conceding that "in regard to matters affecting Zionist policy we go along with other groups in relation to declared policies, in majority opinions."

CITES DECISION

In support of its position, the LZOA cited the position taken by the world Zionist General Council last May in Jerusalem, that the establishment of the organizational framework of Zionist "territorial" associations "shall be effected in collaboration with the local Zionist bodies and with full safeguards for the autonomy of the parties and Zionist associations, in their specific fields and methods of activity."

Referring to the U.S., the Zionist General Council, continued the LZOA argument, instructed "the Executive to make further efforts to strengthen the American Zionist Council . . . without in any way infringing upon their independent existence or their activity in special spheres."

The hundredth chapter of the Womens' International Zionist Organization was founded last week at Elath, Israel.

According to the 1951 census, there are 25,000 Jews in India, of whom over 20,000 live in Bombay State, about 2,600 in Calcutta, and about 2,000 in the Cochin (home of the so-called "Black Jews" of India) and Travancore areas.

PROJECT OF U.S. B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN ISRAEL BUILDS NEW HOME FOR MALADJUSTED CHILDREN

JERUSALEM (NJP)—The ground-breaking ceremony took place here last week for the new, modern quarters of Israel's only home for maladjusted children.

A leading project of the B'nai B'rith Women of America, towards which the organization has contributed more than \$250,000, the new quarters will allow the immediate transfer of 40 emotionally disturbed children, who are in need of special education and psychiatric care, from their present over-crowded quarters on one storey of a dilapidated building here. The later construction of additional quarters is planned, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Since its foundation in 1943, the home has brought nearly 200 children back to normalcy, and only lack of space has prevented the treatment of hundreds more in need of special care.

During the past two years, the B'nai B'rith Women have sent trainloads of canned food to Israel, and have just sent 300,000 diapers.

Chief Rabbi J. Kaplan of Paris and Rabbi H. Schilli, director of the Seminaire Israelite, have been named acting Chief Rabbis of France until the election of a permanent successor to the late Rabbi Isaac Schwartz, who died recently.

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'Bagels-Minx' Spokesman Would Bet Money on Decency of Show

By GOLDIE ALSTOCK SEIFER

NEW YORK (NJP)—Louis Brandt, noted theatrical figure, and spokesman for "Bagels and Yox" and "Bagels and Minx," this week categorically upheld the "decency" of the shows.

He also proposed that an impartial committee of three be set up to pass judgment on the decency of "Bagels and Yox" now touring the East, and offered to contribute \$1,000 to the charity designated by Jack Neiderbach, the member of the Jewish Center of Forest Hills West whose resignation from the congregation stirred up the controversy, if the committee decides against the show. He made the offer with the stipulation that Neiderbach would match it should the committee uphold the show.

Israel Doubles Citrus Picking Rate

HAIFA—This year's citrus picking rate was nearly double last year's, Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel Minister of Labor, disclosed at a ceremony last week marking the first citrus shipment this season.

As a result of experiments conducted by the Labor and Agriculture Ministries, said Mrs. Myerson, last year's daily standard of 6.5-7 cases picked and wrapped was increased this year to eleven cases.

Last week's shipment was of 25,000 cases of grapefruit, destined for Great Britain, which was hoped to be the forerunner of 4.5-5,000,000 cases to be exported this year.

The citrus export season doesn't go into full swing until the end of November, but Russia already has ordered 125,000 cases, and has an option to order another 250,000 cases by November 2, it was reported in The Jerusalem Post.

Missionary Beaten by Yeshiva, Shul Crowd

RAMAT GAN, Israel—A Catholic missionary was injured when a group of yeshiva students and synagogue worshippers attacked him one morning last week as he came, as usual, to pick up two boys from a home near here to take them to the mission school. According to The Jerusalem Post, the missionary suffered a cut on the head from one of the crowd, and was taken to Jaffe for first aid treatment.

Neiderbach charged the shows were "filthy, cheap, burlesque-type . . ." which "make fun of Jewish life." (NJP, Oct. 3, 1952)

INVITES GROUP

At the same time, Irving Jacobson, producer of the new Yiddish musical, "My Lucky Day," which opened here last Saturday, invited a committee from the Jewish Center of Forest Hills West, or any other group contemplating a theatre party, to be his guests at a performance of the show.

He told The Post that "over 50% of the show is in English," and explained that many Jews don't realize the progress the Yiddish theatre had made in the past twenty-five years. He characterized his show as "clean, and fast," indicating that there was

sufficient English for anyone to understand it.

Jacobson explained that he had made the offer after reading about the controversy and felt certain that the selection of "My Lucky Days" would please everyone concerned.

Following Jacobson's offer, Neiderbach indicated a willingness to abide by the suggestion made by Dr. Simon Greenberg, executive director of the United Synagogue of America, and rejoin his former congregation if the committee accepted Jacobson's proposal, and ultimately decided to book the show.

ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

Neiderbach told The Post that he accepts Brandt's challenge, but expressed uncertainty about the possibility of the show having changed since he saw it last year. "I would like to go along with the committee," he said, adding that he had seen the show twice, and had noted all the offensive passages.

"I went the first time with the synagogue theatre party," he explained, "and the second time after I read the reviews in the Yiddish press to convince myself of their charges."

He told The Post, however, that he was still waiting for the Committee on Congregational Standards of the USA to meet and decide on the validity of his charges against congregational sponsorship of shows of the "Bagels-Yox" type.

Stanley Garten, chairman of the Committee, told The Post that no meeting date has been set.

Meanwhile, Brandt told The Post that papers were signed this week with an independent movie company to film "Bagels and Yox."

Continuing his defense of the show, Brandt said that in every city Jewish groups sponsored the show.

"If Neiderbach is correct wouldn't others jump on the bandwagon?" he asked.

'EVEN IN BOSTON'

"Even in Boston," he said, "the show played 5 weeks after having been booked for one, and is scheduled to return for another 5 weeks."

"We played 8 weeks in Chicago in the Shuberts' theatre. Would the Shuberts' tolerate filth? And don't you think the people in Brighton Beach and Brownsville would storm the theatre if it insulted the Jewish people?"

Brandt said that he was so certain that Neiderbach's charges had no basis that he would put the matter in the hands of an impartial committee. He offered to pay the committee's expenses, since the show is on tour and will not be back in New York for several weeks.

EIGHTY BOOKINGS

Asked about the number of benefits that had been booked for "Bagels and Minx" before its opening, Mr. Brandt "said about 20" adding that of these half had been "Bagels and Yox."

Rabbi Samuel Geffen, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center of Forest Hills West, reached on the tenth telephone call by The Post, and asked when the Center board will meet to act on Neiderbach's resignation, answered: "I have no comment to make on this matter."

Egypt Won't Boycott W. Germany—Report

BONN (WNS)—Premier Mohammed Nagib of Egypt said West German ratification of the reparations pact with Israel will "hurt Egypt's feelings" but will not affect German-Egyptian relations, the German News Agency reported last week. Nagib's view, as reported by the agency, conflicts with the opinion recently expressed in Hamburg by Ahmed Ismail, Egyptian Labor Party leader, that ratification would lead to a boycott of German goods by all Arab states, including Egypt.

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Ben Gurion Reaffirms Unrestricted Immigration

WILL SUPPORT POLICY UNDER ANY CONDITIONS, HE TELLS PROGRESSIVES

By LEON AVIGDOR

National Jewish Post Correspondent

JERUSALEM (NJP)—A sharp departure from the recent restrictive immigration policy was indicated by Prime Minister Ben Gurion in his talks with the Progressive Party Executive on the possibility of the party's entering the national coalition.

In a six-point program which Ben Gurion outlined to Progressive leaders as a possible basis for an expanded coalition, he stressed his readiness to support mass immigration to Israel under any circumstances.

Though the principle of unrestricted immigration was never revoked, the country in practice was selecting new immigrants almost exclusively from among the younger, able-bodied prospects.

STRESSES FUND NEEDS

In connection with the problem of the "Ingathering of the Exiles," the Prime Minister also emphasized the need for a continued flow of investment as well as philanthropy funds from abroad.

Pointing out that mass immigration could not be carried out on the basis of internal economy or efficiency alone, he declared that "anyone who regards the collection of funds abroad as a negative phenomenon, negates the very principle of Zionism."

He explained that throughout the history of the Jewish settlement in Palestine, the upbuilding of the country was carried out with imported capital, donations and loans from abroad.

On the economic question, Ben Gurion told the Progressive Party leaders that although he was a socialist, he thought that during the period of the Ingathering of the Exiles, a social climate was necessary in which the country would be neither exclusively



BEN GURION
A Common Language

capitalist nor exclusively socialist.

"No common language could be achieved," he said, "so long as factories belonging to the workers will not be well looked upon by the non-workers."

BOTH NEEDED

The Prime Minister emphasized: "Israel needs the creative contribution of both capitalism and socialism."

He added, however, that "the incentive of financial gain . . . a

constructive factor (which) exists also within the labor movement . . . alone is not enough for the upbuilding of the State."

"Israel cannot exist," he declared, "without pioneering, without people putting themselves at the service of the ideal without thought of gain or profit. This is why we are training our youth for agriculture."

Turning to the religious area, Ben Gurion said that "compromise over matters of religion was necessary for the sake of the Ingathering of the Exiles," adding that compromise did not depend on the adherence of the religious parties to the Government coalition.

'RELIGIOUS FEELINGS'

"Even if such parties as Mizrahi or Agudat Yisrael did not exist," he asserted, "it would be necessary to take into account the religious feelings of religious Jews to maintain the House of Israel."

In foreign policy, he said the guiding principle would be the maintenance of friendly relations with the free democratic countries, and warned against the totalitarian sympathies of some of Israel's political groupings.

BEN GURION, MILLER AGREE ON ZOA INVESTMENT PROGRAM

TEL AVIV—An investment program which would appeal to a wide-range of small investors rather than restrict itself to large-scale investment was the basis of the agreement reached between Rabbi Irving Miller and Prime Minister Ben Gurion on a Zionist Organization of America program to mobilize American private investment in basic industries in Israel, the ZOA head told a press conference here last week.

The basis of the ZOA approach, Rabbi Miller explained, was that it was preferable to raise \$2,000,000 by investment of \$2,000 each by 1,000 people, than by two people investing \$1,000,000 each.

Rabbi Miller also told reporters that he and the Prime Minister had only indirectly touched upon the question of broadening the coalition, since he acknowledged that only Israel citizens could act on internal Israel affairs. He reasserted, however, that Zionists abroad had the right to express opinions and criticize.

Regarding the relations between Israel and the Zionist

movement, the New York spiritual leader said Ben Gurion made some proposals which would be transmitted to the ZOA executive, and promised to put the authority of the State behind the movement.

Nazi Head Named To High Post

HANOVER, Germany — Dr. Karl Ott, a former senior official in Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry, has been appointed Secretary of State of the Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior. Ott was head of the financial department of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry from 1933 until the end of the war.

Histradrut Workers Wreck Housing Project

REHOVOT, Israel—Sixteen men were ordered by magistrate's court to be held in police custody, and 17 more were arrested in connection with the destruction by Histadrut workers here last Monday of five buildings in the early stages of construction. No one was hurt in the attack on the project.

The outbreak occurred when members of Histadrut, the Mapai-dominated labor federation, objected to the use by the contractor of several workers belonging to the National Labor Federation, Herut trade union. The project was being built by the Sela Housing Company, construction wing of the rightist Herut Party, which gave the work to a local contractor with the understanding that he would hire a group of five or six workers from the Herut union for work on the skeleton of the building.

HAD AGREED

The local labor exchange, which included one Herut member, reportedly agreed unanimously that workers should be hired only through it, and called on the Herut workers to stop work and the contractor to hire new workers through the exchange.

A meeting was then scheduled between the local Labor Council and the Herut union, but the Histadrut members refused to talk while the Herut workers remained on the job.

Monday morning, a group of over 100 Histadrut members arrived at the building site, and called on the Herut workers to leave. They refused, while the other workers, hired through the local exchange, stopped work.

The more than 100 Histadrut people then marched on the houses, three of which were half-way up to the ground floor ceiling and two up to the first level of concrete, and destroyed them completely.

'CAME TO PICKET'

A labor Council spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that the Histadrut men had come to the site for peaceful picketing, being adamant that workers should be hired only through the local labor exchange. He stressed that there was nothing political about the action.

The Herut union, however, in a statement to the press, claim-

ed the Histadrut people had arrived in a convoy led by a jeep carrying the Labor Council secretaries, and that they had come prepared with tools to wreck the buildings.

The director of the Sela Housing Company, which was building homes with a Government loan and with Government-allocated material, said, moreover, that the company has so far built 600 homes for new immigrants, and on all of them private contracting groups, such as the one employed at Rehovot, had been employed without any complaints.

ACCUSES HISTADRUT

The Herut member of the Rehovot Labor Exchange said the quarrel arose because of unemployment in the building trade, but accused Histadrut of using the quarrel for political purposes.

The affair is being investigated by officials of Histadrut and other labor unions.

Among those arrested were two secretaries of the local labor council.

Tel Aviv Children Boycott School

TEL AVIV, Israel — The 800 pupils at the Beth Hahinukh elementary school did not report for classes several days last week in protest at having to study in three shifts, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Parents protested to the Ministry of Education at the fact that their children had to study in the afternoon and early evening because several classrooms in the Labor trend school had been taken over by a Mizrahi school, though rooms at a neighboring General trend school were not being used in the afternoon.



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B-G Asks Rabbi to Rule On Conscription of Women

JERUSALEM (WNS)—A final showdown on the religious point of view on the conscription of women, and to what extent Israel's non-religious Government leaders will accept this point of view, may develop from Prime Minister Ben Gurion's visit last week to the widely-revered Rabbi Korelitz, who is known in the world of Jewish scholarship as "The Hazon Ish."

Ben Gurion is understood to have asked the 90-year-old scholar for an authoritative, unequivocal answer to the question whether Jewish law unconditionally forbids military service for women.

The question has plagued Israel's political life almost since the inception of the State, and the recent resignation from the Cabinet of two Agudat Israel leaders was ascribed partly to the failure of Ben Gurion and Aguda leaders to reach a compromise on the question. Most religious leaders, and perhaps the Aguda leaders too, are believed to be willing to accept conscription of women for civilian service under the aegis of the Ministry of Labor.

The authority of Rabbi Korelitz in matters of Jewish law is accepted even by those circles in and outside of Israel who refuse to accept the authority of the Chief Rabbinate, which they regard as too liberal and too ready to compromise.

RABBINIC COURT JUDGE TELLS HOW

Talmudic Law Applied To Modern Israel

By LIONEL KOPPMAN

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (NJP)—Talmudic law is being constantly interpreted in Israel to meet new situations, a judge of the highest rabbinical court in Israel told The Post this week.

Rabbi Samuel Brot, of Jerusalem, Justice of the Rabbinical Court of Appeals of Israel, explained that many cases arise which are not covered by Talmudic law, but which must nevertheless be ruled upon by the tribunal.

The court of appeals is actually the supreme rabbinical court in Israel since its decisions are final. Cases dealing with marriage and divorce and related matters are brought before it from the lower rabbinical courts, of which there are approximately 100 throughout Israel.

ASK WIDER POWER

(A conference of rabbinical judges in Jerusalem last week asked that the authority of the rabbinical courts be widened on financial matters, so that those who wished, could have their cases tried by a rabbinical court. It was noted that such a move

might relieve the terrific load on the civil court system, which is now undergoing considerable overhauling to bring it up to date and improve court procedure).

As an example of how Talmudic law is interpreted to meet current situations, Rabbi Brot cited the cases of couples living in apartments who get divorced. One widely-accepted version of Talmudic law was that the husband would retain the possession of the apartment; however, a man is presumed to have an easier time finding another apartment, and the rabbinical court of appeals rules that the wife gets the apartment.

The patriarch-like judge also said that, according to Talmudic law, the husband who is divorced must supply enough funds to take care of children until their fifth or sixth year. The present rabbinical court has ruled that he must provide enough to take care of children until their fifteenth year.

Two of the major grounds for divorce in Israel are adultery and incompatibility, Rabbi Brot said. The court's primary concern is the preservation of the family. Only when the court is convinced that further married life is

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Agudat Israel Charged With Undermining Chief Rabbinate

By Z'EV KRONISH

Chief, New York Bureau of The National Jewish Post

NEW YORK (NJP)—The ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the United States were accused this week by the president of the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor Zionist) Organization of undermining the authority of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

Rabbi Issachar Levin, addressing the closing session at the conference of the Greater New York Council of Hapoel Hamizrachi, charged that "when Aguda leaders refused to wait for the decision of the Chief Rabbinate on the question of civilian conscription of girls and accepted the counsel of other rabbis and resigned, they bypassed the Chief Rabbinate and thereby weakened the position of Jewish life in Israel and throughout the world."

SECOND CRITICISM

This was the second time in as many weeks that an Orthodox organization has severely criticized the action of the Agudat Israel in resigning from the Israel cabinet. Two weeks ago, the national administrative board of Mizrachi issued a statement blasting the Aguda move.

The Hapoel Hamizrachi leader said that at present a government committee consisting of 3 religious and 3 non-religious rep-

resentatives, and headed by the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zorah Warhaftig, is studying proposals for a new

impossible will it consent to a divorce.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

The custody of children is a matter which is not covered by Talmudic law, the rabbinical judge said. Since the court must give a ruling, however, the judges have decided that sons go to the father, and daughters to the mother. Rabbi Brot said that the ruling was decided on the basis that the arrangement is "more natural."

The courts do not have juries, but in accordance with Jewish law, each court has three judges. While the rabbinical courts base their decisions on Jewish law, the civil courts base their on civil law, which is part English law part Turkish law and part law developed during the Mandate, but all of which, Rabbi Brot said, "is not coordinated."

JUDGES APPOINTED

Until now, judges have been appointed by the Ministry of Religion. A proposal has been presented that a commission be charged with the responsibility of nominating judges, upon the recommendation of the Chief Rabbi. These would then be presented to the Knesset by the Office of the President for action.

Spiritual leader of the Moriah Congregation in New York City before his appointment, Rabbi Brot was the first American rabbi to be summoned to sit on the Rabbinical Court of Appeals in Israel. A former leader in the

conscription law. These proposals will be submitted to the Chief Rabbinate for review, and his decision will be binding on Hapoel Hamizrachi, Rabbi Levin declared. He noted that Dr. Warhaftig is a member of Hapoel Hamizrachi.

'DISREGARDED'

The Trenton, N. J., spiritual leader also charged that at the protest meeting last month at Manhattan Center, which the Union of Orthodox Rabbis sponsored with the cooperation of Agudat Israel, Young Israel and several other Orthodox bodies (NJP, Sept. 26, 1952), a number of statements were made quoting the opinions of individual rabbis as authoritative, which "completely disregarded the Chief Rabbinate and called upon the religious masses here to act upon the basis of these decisions."

He cited the ban issued by a Hassidic rabbi here against etrogim from Israel because they were produced in a Sabbatical year (NJP, Oct. 3, 1952), as "another item in the pattern of events indicating a drive to undermine the authority of the Chief Rabbinate," noting the Chief Rabbinate had authorized the use of the etrogim.



RABBI LEVIN

Upholds Chief Rabbinate

Aguda Asks Mizrachi Leaders To Join Fight On Women Draft

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Rabbi Isaac Mayer Lewin, former Israel Minister of Social Welfare, last week called upon Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor) and Mizrachi (religious) to join his ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel in its struggle to "preserve the religious character" of the State of Israel in fighting the proposed conscription of Orthodox girls and the elimination of the trend system of education.

Addressing the Central Council of Agudat Israel, Rabbi Lewin declared: "We see in the mobilization of Orthodox girls, in whatever form of national service, one of the dangers threatening the future of religious Jewry; no compromise whatsoever is permissible in the matter."

CHARGE RENEGE

Rabbi Lewin quit his cabinet post on the eve of Rosh Hashana, alleging that Prime Minister Ben Gurion had reneged on a promise that no moves to draft Orthodox women or eliminate the trend system would be

made before 5713. Hapoel Hamizrachi and Mizrachi, though also opposed to the draft of women for military service, have remained in the Government, and are reportedly amenable to a plan that would permit the draft of women for work on farms, in schools, in hospitals, and for similar "civilian" duties.

The two groups reportedly are still working strenuously for a reconciliation between Ben Gurion and Agudat Israel, in the fear, apparently, that should the Prime Minister succeed in organizing a new coalition by bringing in one of the non-religious parties, even the present tenuous power of the religious parties in the Government would be lost.

AWAITS DECISION

Dr. Joseph Burg, however, Israel Minister of Health, and Hapoel Hamizrachi leader, asked refrain from any further precipitous action, until the Chief Rabbinate hands down a decision on the draft of women for civilian service. The Chief Rabbinate previously had banned a military draft of women. (NJP, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 10, 1952)

Ben Gurion is said not to be eager to take Agudat Israel back into the coalition.

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Milwaukee Jewish Council Head Repudiates Anti-Communist Rabbi

By HYMAN CHESTER

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (NJP)—Statements in support of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, which brought wide publicity to Rabbi Benjamin Schultz of New York in a brief appearance here, have been publicly denounced as "not representative of any section of the American Jewish community."

Rabbi Schultz, head of the American Jewish League Against Communism, made a one night visit here to speak to a Baptist youth group meeting. His appearance, not announced in advance, was sponsored by Republican party workers, who indicated that the rabbi was on a party recommended list of speakers available for campaign purposes.

The rabbi lauded McCarthy and claimed that 58 per cent of clergymen of all faiths admire and support the Republican senator who has been accused by opponents of character assassination of many innocent persons.

WELL REPORTED

The Schultz speech was well reported in the press, and an immediate reply was made by Sidney H. Sayles, executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Council. Sayles quoted from a statement previously issued by some of the nation's leading Jewish organizations, blasting Rabbi Schultz for "his repeated resort to vilification and slander of reputable Americans on the pretext of combatting communism."

"We deplore the activity of any organization employing the name Jewish in its title, which resorts to smear tactics and character assassination," said Sayles. "We especially deplore such activity on the part of a rabbi."

"Communism can best be combatted by religious, educational and social institutions which actively oppose communism as part of their larger program of upholding and strengthening the American way of life."

Sayles said that Rabbi Schultz



RABBI SCHULTZ
Prophetic Indignation

and the organization he heads had been repudiated by the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and by the heads of the Jewish War Veterans of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"

Schultz made no speeches to Jewish organizations. He was brought here by an attorney, John Wessel, who said Schultz was highly recommended by the GOP as a speaker on campaign issues. Schultz, once spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, Yonkers, N. Y., was forced to resign his post in 1947, and later was denounced by the New York Board of Rabbis for what it called "the smear technique of the scandalmonger."

His resignation followed publication of a series of three articles by him in the general

press, in which he accused Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Abraham Cronbach, Dr. Joshua Bloch and others of being less-than-unwilling dupes of American Communism. (N. J. P., Oct. 24, 1947)

In his speech here, Schultz said that a nation-wide poll he conducted of 350 representative clergymen proved to him that McCarthy has tremendous sup-

port. (All Milwaukee rabbis have taken public stands against "McCarthyism"). Schultz quoted one clergyman as saying: "McCarthy has contributed the element of indignation against unspeakable Communism. That element was lacking before. In that respect, McCarthy is a semi-prophetic figure. Even the prophets were smeared."

Schultz told his audience that top echelons of the clergy were under pressures due to left wing influence in many theological seminaries, universities and religious journals.

The speaker noted that he had heard whispers that McCarthy had anti-Semitic tendencies. "Every responsible Jewish organization says there isn't the slightest anti-Semitism in anything Joe McCarthy is doing," said Schultz indignantly.

93 Tourists in Israel Take Up Residence

JERUSALEM — Ninety-three persons who were in Israel on tourist visas last month had their visas changed to resident visas, The Jerusalem Post reported.

At the same time, The Post reported that 2,356 immigrants including three non-Jews, and 2,549 tourists entered the country last month. Among those who left the country during the period were 3,057 residents, including 989 emigrants.

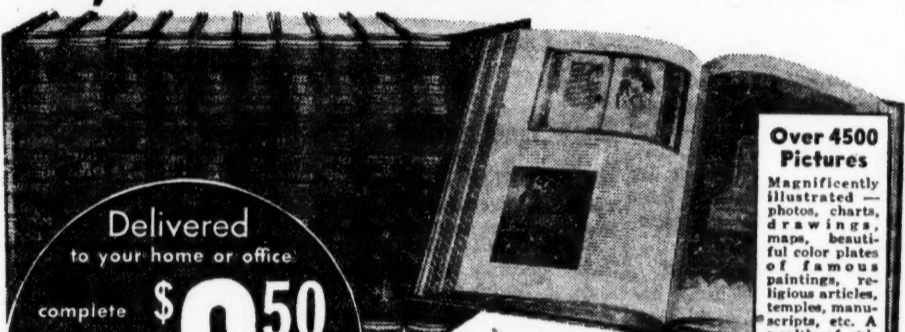
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Claim Immunity at Congressional Hearings WITNESSES USE JEWISH ISSUE IN TESTIMONY ON RED TIES

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish papers last week noted with indignation the use by a group of Jewish doctors and lawyers, questioned by a Congressional committee in Los Angeles on Communist affiliations, of Jewish identification in their statements at the hearings. The witnesses had been accused by an unknown source of belonging to a Communist cell.

Dr. Alexander Pennes, one of the witnesses, told the committee: "I am a Jew, and no honest Jew will have anything to do with informers and stool pigeons." The Freiheit, Yiddish Communist daily, reported from the hearings. The B'nai B'rith Messenger, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, said Dr. Pennes "shouted" his answer.

'JEWS HATE INFORMERS'

A correspondent for The Forward, New York Yiddish daily, quoted another witness as telling the Congressmen that "Jews hate informers. I am a Jew." The correspondent also reported that local general press reports on the hearings "also used the name Jew, followed by the names of the cities in Europe from which some of the witnesses came—Odessa, Lublin, Kiev."

The correspondent added that "the Communists have managed to infiltrate any number of organizations and institutions, and an impressive number are to be found among doctors and lawyers, two professions so popular among Jews."

'JUDAISM' QUESTIONED

In a front page editorial entitled "They Do Not Speak For Us," The B'nai B'rith Messenger declared that "if Dr. Pennes thinks so much of his Judaism as he states, he would have answered the questions forthrightly and frankly before the Congressional Committee on un-American Activities..."

The editorial continued: "These men... when asked, 'Are you now or have you ever been a Communist?'... elected to stand behind Constitutional immunities. That is the privilege of every man before an American court. But Dr. Pennes had

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no moral right to drag in the entire Jewish people with an irrelevant gratuitous protestation that his so-called Judaism precluded him from becoming an 'informer.'"

'MUST SHOW CONCERN'

"We have seen brilliant doctors... surgeons... lawyers, whose economic, political-social thinking had not taken them beyond puberty," said The Messenger. "Yet, it is their privilege to think as they will, live as they will, and claim immunities, if they will."

"But if they claim to be Jews, and wish to be counted as Jews, they must recognize a concern for their people, especially in these times, where subversion, treachery and traitorism are running rampant throughout the world."

Sees Jewish Issue In Teacher Probe

By BEN GALLOP

National Jewish Post Correspondent
NEW YORK—The Communist Party pressed its campaign to make a Jewish issue out of individuals with Jewish names involved in loyalty investigations, by charging that the suspension of several New York city public school teachers had "its roots in

racist and anti-Semitic prejudices."

The charge appeared in The Freiheit, Communist Yiddish daily, which has carried on a persistent campaign seeking to persuade its readers that the death sentence for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted for atomic espionage, was an anti-Semitic plot.

'NOT ACCIDENTAL'

The Freiheit asserted, in its report on the teachers investigation, that "while anti-Semitic teachers are protected, it is not accidental that the first victims of the witch-hunt being carried on by the New York City Board of Education are Jews."

"It is a striking fact that the first group of teachers suspended from the schools in February, 1951, were all Jews, and that a second group of eight teachers suspended in January, 1952, were also Jews," The Freiheit declared. "Similarly, the teachers currently under fire by a McCarran sub-committee are mostly Jews."

All the teachers involved are members of the Communist-dominated Teachers Union.

'ANTI-SEMITES PROTECTED'

"It should be noted that many anti-Semitic teachers are protected and allowed to go on teaching in the public schools," the article added. "There is the well-known case of Mary Quinn, who made derogatory remarks about Jews and Italians, was suspended for a while and then reinstated. Similarly this applies to an anti-Semitic school principle in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn."

The article urged Jewish parents "to take steps to halt this inquisition, which has its roots in racist and anti-Semitic prejudices, in order to safeguard our schools against these evils."

Warburg Calls Results Astonishing

UJA EMERGENCY CONFERENCE RAISES \$18,150,000 IN CASH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A total of \$18,150,000 in cash was presented to the United Jewish Appeal at the final session of the UJA's emergency National Leadership Conference here last weekend, to give the Appeal more than 50 percent of the \$35,000,000 it is seeking in the last three months of 1952.

The sum brought the UJA's cash income thus far in 1952 to \$64,000,000.

Edward M. Warburg, general chairman of the UJA, termed the cash proceeds of the Conference "all the more astonishing for coming just four weeks following our first announcement that we would seek \$35,000,000 in the last



WARBURG

three months of 1952."

FOUR POINT PROGRAM

To raise as quickly as possible the remaining \$17,000,000 in cash, the Conference urged campaign communities throughout the U.S. to

- secure full payment by contributors of 1952 pledges;
- negotiate bank loans against pledges that will be outstanding until the early part of 1953;
- seek pledges in advance of the 1953 campaign and partial

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

MOSES, UNFORTUNATELY, IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

By SHIMON WINCEBERG

MY bread and butter town, a subject of unending fascination to the Anglo-Jewish press, present company excepted, is once again getting raked over the coals by some of its idealistic well-wishers.

Under the heading "Would That We Were Wrong," an editorial in the Young Israel Viewpoint for Sept.-Oct. comments on C. B. DeMille's announced plan to turn the career of Moses into another twirling circus of swashbuckling and sex, notwithstanding The Viewpoint's last editorial on the subject, "Infamy in Celluloid," (regarding the David and Samson flickers), and the fact that the editorial writer had "fervently prayed that Hollywood would not stoop to an all-time low again."

In its earlier editorial, The Viewpoint had appealed to its readers' "Esprit de Corps" (an unfortunate proofreading slip, I believe) to boycott such productions, a move which had cost the magazine not only the loss of the "David and Bethsheba" ad, "but rather the loss of an entire agency and an entire field."

At the time, the Editorial Board had predicted that Hollywood "would continue to distort, besmear and liable (they really should have a talk with that proofreader) everything that we consider to be sacred."

CORRECTLY OBSERVING THAT Hollywood would never dare to tamper so highhandedly with any of the other religions, The Viewpoint calls for a "concentrated barrage (really, now) of telegrams to be sent to the Hollywood studios," and for a rallying of forces "to prevent another blasphemous act designed to lure our children away from the beliefs of the parents." Without endorsing the practicality of such a move, I would like to suggest that a telegram on this subject addressed to any studio but Paramount (5451 Marathon St., Hollywood 38) would have an overwhelmingly negligible effect.

Moreover, the Jewish War Veterans are called upon editorially "to show the same spirit displayed by the Catholic War Veterans" which helped obtain the temporary suppression of Rossellini's "The Miracle" in New York State.

THE VIEWPOINT has a perfectly good case in contrasting the reverent treatment Catholicism receives in Hollywood, with the grudging mealy-mouthed way Jewish beliefs get mentioned on the screen. Only, this is less due to anyone's cussedness or cowardice than to a cataract of sociological, psychological, economic, political and anthropological currents I'd hesitate to navigate without a good deal more elbow room.

Suggesting that Jewish groups emulate the type of campaign which sought unsuccessfully to prevent the non-Catholic public from seeing "The Miracle," on the dubious grounds of "blasphemy," is undiluted childishness, of course. The sort of unified and reasoned protest the Rabbinical Council of America directed against some of the monkeybusiness in "The Jazz Singer" would be far more sensible and effective. Not that I believe it would cut very much ice with Mr. DeMille, a man of strong convictions, currently active in something called "Hollywood Committee for Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy" along with Adolph Menjou, Louis B. Mayer, Ray Milland, George Murphy, Leo McCarey, Pat O'Brien, Dick Powell, John Wayne and Randolph Scott.)

MR. DEMILLE, who knows the popcorn business better than anyone on the Viewpoint ever will, is going to portray Moses the way Christians have always pictured him, and our minority (if correct) interpretation of a semitic Moses, a man who "spoke to God face to face," would probably make not only the theatergoers, but churchgoers uncomfortable.

So, while we may not find it very inspiring to see Moshe Rabbeinu travestied as a sort of combination Ali Khan and Andrew Jackson, I doubt whether the technicolored result will notably affect the survival of Jewish religious values.

payment on them before the end of 1952;

● collect on pledges still outstanding on pre-1952 campaigns.

HELPED 521,000

Summarizing the Appeal's 1952 nationwide campaign, Warburg told the 600 leaders that the United Jewish Appeal, through its constituent agencies—the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and the United Service for New Americans—has helped 521,000 dependent or oppressed men, women and children in 21 countries.

Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the \$35,000,000 emergency cash campaign, told the Conference that funds must be made available without delay to finance urgent relief and settlement programs for 245,000 immigrants in Israel before winter sets in.

NEEDS FREE DOLLARS

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, UJA executive vice-chairman, at the closing session of the conference stressed Israel's need for free dollars has been given renewed emphasis by the recent

signing of the reparations agreement with West Germany, payment to be made in goods over a twelve-year period.

"It would be tragic," said Dr. Schwartz, "if Israel finds herself compelled to divert these supplies from their intended purpose of building up her economic plant, and use them instead for the purchase of food supplies, owing to a falling off of UJA funds."

Anti-Semitic Party Ruled Off Ballot

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WNS)—The Tennessee Attorney General last week ruled that the anti-Semitic Christian Nationalist Party, on which General Douglas MacArthur is a "candidate for President of the U.S., was not entitled to a place on the state's ballot. MacArthur has continued to remain silent as to his "availability" for the office on the Christian Nationalist ticket.



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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

IT'S A WISE HEADLINE WRITER WHO CORRECTLY SENSES A COLUMN

By HELEN COHEN

THE guy who writes the headlines usually does a fine and clever job for me. For instance the one last week:

It's a Wise NCJW Member

Who Can "Enchant" a Newcomer

Or the time I quoted from the girls seeking a mate:

Nothing Like a Good Shadkhan

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You'd think I would appreciate his efforts and at least thank him. But no, I have to find fault. This time it is to point out that the headline over the article in which I compared the ideal family of the shtetl with today wasn't quite accurate. He wrote

The More Children, The More Blessing, Affirms a Mother of Six

It isn't that those are not my sentiments.

It is just that it did not describe the burden of my remarks that week. I said that in the shtetl the attitude was the more children, the more blessing. Today the attitude is more likely described (after the couple has produced its quota of one or two) that children are a dispensable luxury, and since my six are being brought up not in the shtetl but today, life gets a bit complicated.

FOR A SLIGHTLY EXAGGERATED EXAMPLE of the difference in approach between the shtetl and today and what it can do to a large family, let's take the subject of shoes.

In the shtetl, a child, depending on the weather and the financial solvency of his parents, had a pair of shoes.

Today he (or she) expects, with parents showering all their attention on him (or her):

- (1) a pair for nice
- (2) school shoes
- (3) play shoes
- (4) clod-hoppers (m)
- (5) gym shoes
- (6) bedroom slippers
- (7) boots or snow shoes
- (8) football cleats or dancing slippers
- (9) swimming clogs
- (10) some like Jack or Jane have

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SINCE you insist on being up on the latest ideas in home fixings, I pass on three unusual items to you.

● Better Homes and Gardens showed a dining table which moved on casters through the wall from the kitchen section to the living-dining room and back. The table could be set in the kitchen and then later cleared there. It remained in that room as a work counter until needed, leaving the other part of the house with extra space.

● Jane Russell, the movie actress, has two sets of drapes for her home, red for winter and turquoise for summer, which hang from different tracks. When out of season one set, with a



HELEN COHEN

pull of a cord, slides back into a drapery well.

● Miss Russell again (her home was featured in one of the late Modern Screen magazines) has a new approach to the kitchen. Instead of "the usual half dozen cabinets for food stuffs and the like, she has one large cabinet that holds everything—cooking utensils, provisions, ingredients, etc. Instead of opening one cabinet door after another, then closing . . . Jane opens the double closet doors until her cooking is finished."

Arab-Israel Women Parley to Be Set

NAPLES (WNS) — The Women's International Alliance at its congress here instructed its political committee to arrange a round-table conference of Israeli and Arab women to discuss problems of Israel-Arab peace and the question of refugees in the Middle East. The proposal had been made by Mrs. Tehilla Matmon, Israeli delegate to the congress who is president of the Israel section of the League for Women's Rights and editor of the "Ha'isha Bam'dina" magazine.

Syrian Radio Warns Rabbi Irving Miller

JERUSALEM—If Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in the future will not know who are his friends and who his enemies, and act accordingly, it will not be the fault of Radio Damascus.

The Syrian radio station, it was reported in The Jerusalem Post, on one of its regular Hebrew language broadcasts beamed to Israel, last week warned Rabbi Miller just before he ended his two-week visit as Prime Minister Ben Gurion's guest: "You are not the first nor the last U.S. Jew who has been ill-treated and insulted by those you try to help."



MILLER

"Ask Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver how Ben Gurion placed him in coventry and persecuted him."

"Ask President Weizmann how Ben Gurion has kept him isolated, how he was irritated until he almost lost his sight."

"Ben Gurion is the enemy No. 1 of every Jew today."

Nazis Sentenced For 'Crystal Night' Roles

FRANKFURT, Germany—Several Nazis have been convicted for their participation in the "Crystal Night" pogroms against German Jews in 1938.

Paul Schoppan, a former Hitler Youth leader, was sentenced here to twelve months in prison for maltreating Jews and destroying Jewish property in Usingen.

In Darmstadt, Hermann Kronenberger, a Nazi group leader, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for leading a gang which destroyed a number of Jewish shops and apartments.

Another Darmstadt court is trying 23 Nazis from Viernheim, where the 20 Jewish families were evicted and maltreated by a mob, led by the local mayor, which also destroyed the synagogue and all Jewish shops.

Miguel Aleman, President of Mexico, sent his portrait as a gift to President Haim Weizmann of Israel.

'Pious Fools' Says Rosmarin Of Anti-Draft Rabbis

NEW YORK (NJP)—Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, editor of The Jewish Spectator, Orthodox-oriented monthly, and known for her biting attacks on Conservative and Reform Judaism, this week found herself in conflict with the national president of Young Israel when she described Orthodox rabbis protesting conscription of Israel women as "pious fools" in this month's issue of her publication.

Pincus Iseson, in an open letter to Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin, said that "the Chief Rabbi and other illustrious authorities of Israel do not need to be lectured by the Editor of The Jewish Spectator . . . They do not need to apply to the Editor of The Jewish Spectator for enlightenment on Jewish law."

"Your knowledge is far too superficial to deliver yourself of any halakhic (Torah) decisions, especially on questions of such crucial impact. You are neither teacher nor prophetess in Israel."

The Young Israel president wrote: "To label our Rabbis and our political leaders pious fools, is evidence of an attitude which automatically must disqualify you from appearing as a spokesman for traditional Judaism."

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THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

IN Indianapolis last week, the first public sale of Israel bonds since the Golda Myerson meeting, which was opposed by the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation, took place.

Although the meeting was affected by the cancellation of the principal speaker, Israel Minister of Health Joseph Burg, still the attendance should have been greater and more bonds should have been sold.

There was no conflict with the Federation this time at all, although, of course, the so-called Federation people neither attended nor participated in any way in the meeting. But still there was conflict, this time internal conflict, among the supporters of the sale of Israel bonds.

THE BURG meeting was scheduled and plans for it made by the local bond office, with no consultation whatsoever with the local leadership. In fact there is no local bond committee, none having functioned ever since the Myerson meeting. (One is being organized this week).

I mention this here because I have been challenged for not reporting the results of the meeting because it was in the nature of a flop.

My first answer was that the meeting took place Wednesday night, after our deadline, which is Tuesday.

But then, since I don't intend to publish anything about the meeting in this issue, that excuse will not be valid this week.

But there is a more fundamental reason why The Post will not report the total of bond sales at the meeting. That has to do with the nature of an Anglo-Jewish paper, and the publication thesis of such papers.

FOR INSTANCE

The Post has first hand knowledge of results of most of the local United Jewish Appeal campaigns, yet we almost never report when such drives are failures. At least not at the time the drives are being held.

Post-Lines of Yester-year

5, 10, AND 15
YEARS AGO

October 23, 1942

NEW YORK—Hadassah repudiated this week the stand of Henrietta Szold on the Ihud question when, at the combined convention with the Zionist Organization of America, the two groups passed a joint resolution rejecting the Ihud program for a bi-national state in Palestine. Mrs. David de Sola Pool, N. Y., was re-elected president of Ha-

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We do not want to provide excuses for other communities to alibi their failures, or to affect giving by our readers. We cannot be party to creating a situation where some giver who must be prodded will be provided with the excuse that since the Jews of such and such a city are not giving adequately why should he and his fellow townsmen assume an unequal share of the burden.

OR TO BRING the point down to closer focus in our own community.

The 1952 drive of the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Fund did not meet either its quota or the amount raised in 1951. Yet the Welfare Federation has not yet published the total raised, although the drive was held in the spring. Early figures were published during the course of the campaign, but the total amount raised has not as yet been printed, and even the leadership of the community, as evidenced by the board of the Federation, was not aware of the situation, because although a board meeting is supposed to be held once a month, none was called from the time of the Myerson meeting, which preceded the drive, until near the end of the summer.

The question may arise in the minds of the readers then, just how free is a paper like The National Jewish Post. The answer might well be, as free as any publication could be. The restraints are self-imposed, like those a newspaper accepts during a war period in connection with news it has knowledge of but does not use for fear of harming its nation's war effort.

The party who sought to find some deficiency in The Post's integrity may have his answer in his own actions.

Has he sought to find out why the Federation has not published figures on its spring drive? Then why is he demanding that figures on the bond meeting be published?

Hadassah despite her announcement that she did not wish the office because of the delegates' adoption of the anti-Ihud resolution. Judge Louis Levinthal, Phil., was re-elected president of the ZOA, and Rabbi James Heller, Cincinnati, was re-elected chairman of the ZOA national administrative council.

SCRANTON, Pa.—The 47th annual convention of the Jewish War Veterans of America rejected a resolution asking for a separate Jewish army in Palestine.

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October 24, 1947

NEW YORK—Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, of Temple Emanu-El, Yonkers, N. Y., in a series of three articles in The New York World-Telegram charged Rabbi Stephen S. Wise; Dr. Joshua Bloch, director of the Jewish division of the N. Y. Public Library; B. Z. Goldberg, daily columnist of The Jewish Day; Professor Abraham Cronbach, of Hebrew Union College, and others, as being Communist "dupes" and their "willing pawns."

NEW YORK—Calling for recognition of Hagana as the official army of any Jewish state created by partition, Bartley Crum, former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, this week accepted the chairmanship of the national council of the recently formed Americans for Hagana.

Israel has provided stones for the garden at United Nations headquarters in N.Y.

Ben-Gurion's Newest Statement of Policies

POLITICAL opponents may be inclined to ascribe Ben-Gurion's recent exposition of his views on the major areas of Israel's development as a nation to his need to win the Progressive Party to his government coalition.

They thereby would discount most or all of what he said.

It is true that Ben-Gurion was speaking to representatives of the Progressive Party when he outlined these views.

But on the other hand, a careful study of Mr. Ben-Gurion's public pronouncements and the actions of his government in the past year, might well indicate that Mr. Ben-Gurion was giving as responsible a statement of his views as he knew how.

FOR AMERICANS, what Mr. Ben-Gurion said will only add to his stature as a government leader. It requires more than mere submission to events to which some would like to ascribe the changes in the government's views, to guide a nation so largely socialist towards the kind of economy which will permit free enterprise and capitalism to develop side by side with socialism.

Is There A Lesson From Keneseth Israel Fight?

A PATHETIC, but an exceedingly stormy epoch in the history of Keneseth Israel Congregation in Louisville seems to be drawing to a close.

What used to be the largest Orthodox congregation in the South, its rabbi having left for a more peaceful pulpit, and torn by strife which pitted friend against friend, finally voted in favor of mixed seating.

By now however, not only has the rabbi departed, but over the past few years, a number of its members have quietly joined other congregations.

The end result today is much bitterness, and three public damage suits before the courts of Louisville.

It will serve little purpose to attempt to place the blame. There were many errors committed by many people, but fundamentally the fight developed to such bitterness and destruction because of the inability of the Orthodox rabbinate to grapple with the problem of mixed seating, as with other problems of a similar nature now disturbing the Orthodox community of the world.

Mr. Truman's Charges

THE reaction to President Truman's charge of racial and religious bias against the Republican party should set up another political rule to guide candidates for office and parties in the future.

Mr. Truman convinced no one, performed no service for his party's candidates, and did his own reputation no good.

The Jews who have watched the campaigning closely have been unable to detect and anti-Semitism in the speeches, espousals and the candidates of the Republican party. That there are reactionaries in the ranks of the party needs no

Tragedy of Friday-Night Opening

THE tragedy of the Friday night opening of stores in many communities is that such moves could be defeated if the Jewish store owners so wished.

In almost every case of the past few years, as reported elsewhere in The Post, the local Jewish merchant voted along with his non-Jewish store-owner for Friday night opening.

When, in these cases, the attention of the non-Jews were called by others to the fact that Friday night was the Jewish Sabbath and that the openings interfered with religious services, the non-Jews seemed most sympathetic. Only the Jews seemed unimpressed.

The hasty conclusion is that Jewish store-owners do not have self-respect. But the Jewish store-owner is only reflecting the attitude towards Judaism that he knows exists in most of his acquaintances.

BUT THE JEWISH STORE-OWNER is entrusted with the necessity for making a decision which affects the possibility of observing the Sabbath. This being so, one of our national agencies should begin a campaign to educate these store owners to their responsibility to the community.

Musicians Refuse Bias-Strung Gift

LONDON (WNS)—The Royal Society of Musicians last week rejected an endowment fund for needy musicians because it contained a provision extending its benefits only to musicians "who were born as British subjects and

who are not Jews or Hebrews by race or religion."

In rejecting the gift, the Society stressed that such discrimination was banned under its constitution, and that the conditions of the gift were an insult to its members, many of whom are Jews.

The gift was accepted, however, by the Orchestral Sick and

Mr. Ben-Gurion's view on immigration, and it is important to note that he favors mass immigration and the reopening of the doors now almost closed tight, and on religion, reveal him as a person who holds fast to an ideal on the one hand and one who can yield when he sees that same idealism guiding the motives of his opponents.

In Israel, many who are dissatisfied with conditions would be inclined to desert the Mapai at the polls. But as they glance at possible successors to Ben-Gurion, they pause to consider the consequences of their act. The opposing parties recognize this situation just as forcefully.

SLOWLY THE U. S. JEW is beginning to understand that Mr. Ben-Gurion is not just another head of a state who is filling that position because a government requires someone to run it. History will no doubt ascribe greatness to Mr. Ben-Gurion as a man who led his country's forces to a successful war against overwhelming odds. It seems also that he is likely to go down in the halls of fame as a great statesman and a real father of his country.

IN MANY CONGREGATIONS throughout the United States more Orthodox than Keneseth Israel in Louisville, mixed seating has long been accepted. If this was inevitable, that is not at all the question. The question is that the Orthodox leadership knows of this situation, and recognizes it only by ignoring it.

Obviously this editorial will not move the Orthodox leadership to accept jurisdiction and act in the matter, for more is involved than merely a clash in a Louisville congregation.

WHAT ORTHODOXY in the United States is losing by slow attrition, no one knows. But the loss is a steadily continuing one.

In the past few years, Orthodoxy has turned from the defensive to the offensive and has won considerable support for its views but it is still hamstrung by its inability to face the facts of Jewish living today without violent eruption. If this means that Orthodoxy must die because of its refusal to live, that will be most unfortunate, for American Judaism will be a sickly brand if it loses the faith and conviction which has been Orthodoxy's main contribution to that Judaism.

validation here, but both parties have their share of reactionaries, and although there is more prejudice among this group than there would likely be among liberals, this is very thin ice indeed on which to make the kind of direct accusation that Mr. Truman made.

It has been fortunate that there has been established the truism in American politics, that the label of anti-Semite is the worst kind of liability to any candidate. Mr. Truman's ill-advised charges may now set up a reverse truism, that unsupported charges of anti-Semitism are a boomerang which can do just as much damage to a party's candidate.

In many cases, the Jewish store owner may be honestly unaware that the Jewish community gives a hang whether the store is open or not on Friday night, and it is not until he is confronted with the implications, that he understands his mistake.

THIS IS A JOB in education. The Jewish store-owner must be advised in advance what is involved. If the rabbinate cannot effect this understanding, then it might be well for the National Community Relations Advisory Council to launch a campaign to achieve this end.

A store owner who sees all about him the indifference to the Sabbath might with some justification wonder at the hypocrisy of some people—his best friends.

Until the time comes when Jews, who really are the ones who have no self-respect, will find some meaning in the Sabbath, the need is to inform the Jewish store-owners of the full import of Friday night opening. He then can point out to his non-Jewish colleagues that staying open on that night of the week is no different from staying open on Sunday.

pointed trustees to administer the fund.

A Musicians' Union spokesman said his organization had not yet considered the problem, but he was sure the union executive would repudiate the gift, since "the policy of our union is outspokenly against discrimination on the ground of race, religion or color."

You Need Shtraimel or Press Card to Get Near the Satmarer Rebbe

By MOSHE KAUFMAN

National Jewish Post Correspondent
WILLIAMSBURG, Brooklyn, U.S.A. (NJP)—Opera-
tion Hakafot!

"See here, you can't go in there!"
"But I'm a Member of the Press!"
"Well, produce your press card!"

Not being in the habit of carrying a National Jew-
ish Post press card on Simhat Tora, and so informing
the policeman guarding the entrance to the shul of the
Rebbe of Satmar, The Post correspondent was told:
"Well, Press your way back into the crowd."

The above repartee took place at about 1:00 A. M.,
Sunday morning, October 12, when thousands of Jews
gathered from all over Williamsburg and other adja-
cent parts of the United States to join in the Simhat
Tora festivities with the venerated Satmarer Rebbe.

There is no day and no night here on Simhat Tora,
as the Rebbe, Rabbi Yoel (Reb Yoelish) Teitelbaum, of
Satmar, Roumania, who arrived in the U. S. after
World War II, and his "court" of hassidim spend the
time until shortly after midnight at their preliminary
devotions, followed by the ritual ablutions in a nearby
mikva.

Just before the Rebbe was due to arrive at the shul
and the above conversation took place, The Post re-
porter heard the police lieutenant barking instructions
to the four policemen at one of the entrances to the
shul, for the purpose of controlling the movements of
a crowd of 12,000-odd milling the three roped-off streets
near the shul, who were expected to become somewhat
confused in seeking admission into a space whose ca-
pacity is about 150 people:

"Now, here are the only people allowed entrance
into the synagogue. If a man wants to come in, he's
got to need a shave pretty badly (in addition to those
who normally wear beards, very Orthodox Jews, par-
ticularly hassidim, are not expected to have shaved during
the entire week of Sukkot), or wear one of those round

Cossack fur hats (referring to a shtraimel)."

The requisites for a woman were: "If she's married,
she's got to have a white turban wrapped around her
head. If she's single, she must have her hair covered.
That's your orders."

Nowhere did the lieutenant say anything about
press cards. But neither was the window at the alley
behind the shul guarded.

The informal singing and dancing of the "Rejoicing
with the Tora" went on until shortly before 2:30 A. M.,
when a deafening hush filled the area. A reverent
whisper surged through the crowd. "The Rebbe, the
Rebbe," and at a signal from no one, everyone started
pushing forward to see "Reb Yoelish" arrive with his
entourage. Head down, wearing an ornate shtraimel,
the Rabbi of Satmar proceeded into the shul through
a way made clear for him by the expert elbowing of his
guard of honor of several select hassidim, and four po-
licemen.

The Post reporter, meanwhile, had found himself a
select vantage on a window sill of the shul, with only
a hand grasping the top of the window to prevent vio-
lent discomfort to the bobbing heads below.

Soon the preliminary prayers were said, the Tora
Scrolls removed from the Ark and the "formal" festivi-
ties began.

A m'nagen, a "caller" as it were, began to sing one
of the famous "Satmarer Nigunim" (songs of the Sat-
mar tradition), which was quickly picked up by the
assemblage, and the dancing began.

The dancing was perforce of a unique type. There
being no room to move forward, backward or sideways
—the only place being up and down—small groups of
two or three hassidim locked hands with their neigh-
bors and simply danced up and down on both feet alter-
nately, stamping time to the singing.

The police, by this time, no longer were so diligently
guarding the entrance to the shul, but were keeping

time to the music, and mumbling something about "bet-
ter than Behop."

Then the Rebbe began to negotiate his dance. Lov-
ingly cuddling a ten-inch Tora Scroll to his right side,
the 62-year-old Rabbi Teitelbaum, his tallit over his
head, ecstatically began to spring forward from where
he was enclosed by his hassidim.

Taking gradually longer and more frequent springs,
he suddenly leaped into a double-time trot. The solid
mass of people miraculously opened up to clear the
way for the Rebbe to march through. He continued to
circle the room, taking sudden ecstatic leaps, as the
devoutly and enthusiastically singing and dancing has-
sidim continued to clear a way for him.

Meanwhile, many small groups for blocks around
continued their own singing and dancing, and, in the
Simhat Tora tradition, imbibed freely of the limitless
supply of soft and hard refreshments. Those who got
a little drunk, sang and danced more enthusiastically.
Those who got very drunk, began to feel very im-
portant and stood up to deliver Talmudic discourses to
all who might not have been sober enough to care.

At 6:00 A. M. the hakafot were over, and most of
the crowd went home for several hours of sleep before
returning for the morning services and the resumption
of the festivities. The more devout and more hardy
remained at the shul for several hours of study until
the Rebbe started the morning service at 10:30 A. M.

By 3:30 P. M. Sunday, the streets were crowded
again, and traffic blocked by groups singing and dan-
cing. All homes, as is traditional, held open house
throughout the day, and groups moved from house to
house for some more imbibement, more singing, more
dancing, and more drunken learned discourses.

With the evening prayers over, everybody retired to
recuperate, and to resume, from Genesis, the devout
learning and practice of the "Law."

NCRAC Maps McIver Education Drive

By J. PETER BRUNSWICK

National Jewish Post Correspondent
NEW YORK (NJP)—Public
Relations representatives of the Na-
tional Community Relations Ad-
visory Council (NCRAC) met in-
formally last week, in a first
coordinated effort to plan a
campaign of education and inter-
pretation designed to familiarize
the American Jewish public with
the full implications of the con-
troversial Evaluative Study Re-
port.

The Report, more often re-
ferred to as the MacIver Report,
was approved by a plenum of
the NCRAC at its Atlantic City
meeting last month and led two
of the major community rela-
tions agencies, the American
Jewish Committee and the Anti-
Defamation League, to withdraw
from the Council they had helped
to create a decade ago.

Prior to approval of the Report
at Atlantic City, most of the in-
formation available to Jewish
communities about the nature of
the findings was seen as taking
the form of heated, partisan
propaganda, slanted to invoke
approval or rejection of the Re-

port. This barrage of biased
argument at times was in the
nature of assaults on the per-
sonal and professional integrity
of Professor MacIver.

With the question of approval
or disapproval no longer an
issue, the member agencies of
the NCRAC feel it their job to
interpret the report to their con-
stituencies and to convince them
of the feasibility of the plan.

"We're planning, through our
member agencies, to let the Jew-
ish communities know what it
was that we agreed upon in At-
lantic City," a spokesman for the
NCRAC told The Post. "Our task
is to demonstrate that the plan

which was adopted there is
workable."

In this task the NCRAC mem-
bership will face a team of sea-
soned experts in publicity and
public relations. Both the ADL
and the AJCommittee have main-
tained high-powered publicity de-
partments for years, and will
undoubtedly continue their spe-
cial efforts to justify their recent
move of dissension before the
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Israel Playwright To Come to Hollywood

TEL AVIV—Yigal Mosensohn,
the writer and police public re-
lations officer, will leave for
Hollywood next month to advise
on the movie production of his
play, "The Man Without A
Name." Mosensohn, scion of one
of the Jewish State's earliest
pioneering families and one of

Israel's most successful modern
playwrights, was asked to come
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HERSEY SEEN AS NOT SERIOUS WRITER

Warsaw Ghetto Novel Anti-Semitic-Charge

By DAVE GOODWIN

National Jewish Post Correspondent

MIAMI, Fla. (NJP)—"The Wall," John Hersey's widely-read novel depicting the Warsaw ghetto's heroic stand against an overwhelming force early in World War II, is described as a subtle piece of anti-Semitic literature by an English professor here.

Speaking at a Jewish-sponsored forum, Prof. Arthur D. Matthews, of the University of Miami, charged that the author perhaps unconsciously indulged in anti-Semitism in his portrayals of Jewish assimilationism, nationalism, cowardice and isolationism.

CITES PASSAGES

Prof. Matthews cited passages spoken by several characters in the book to back up his position.

Assimilation, according to one of Hersey's fictional fighters, would cause anti-Semitism to disappear. Nationalism is attacked by a question asked by one of the Jews who later in the book became a Christian: "What is the difference between a Nazi Germany and a Nazi Israel?" Cowardice is responsible for

the Jews' initial reluctance to fight, and cultural isolationism helped bring on the attacks on the Jews.

In an interview with The Post correspondent, Prof. Matthews explained he doesn't think Hersey is a "conscious anti-Semite." "But," he added, "that would depend on your definition of anti-Semitism. I think he conceives of himself as a 'pro-Semite'."

LAUDS UPRISING

The young English professor stressed that in commenting on the novel, he is not criticizing the Warsaw uprising itself, which he lauds as a true epic. On the other hand, he said, Hersey "must have regarded the resistance as not only futile but foolish. It is an expression of nationalism . . . with which he is not in accord."

"The astounding thing is that no one is sympathetically portrayed. There is not a single character who is in any sense heroic . . . there was no leading character."

"Hersey," Prof. Matthews concluded, "conceives of himself as a serious writer, which he is not."

The first Jewish baby was born in Elath, Israel, last week.

I THINK AS I PLEASE AS A NEWCOMER LEARNS THE FACTS OF LIFE IN ISRAEL

By CARL ALPERT

THE day to day life of an Israeli is marked by many aspects which at first seem strange to the American settler. The American is constantly tempted, too, to contrast the customs and social habits with those with which he was familiar in the States, to the detriment of the former, but any such contrast is unfair until the new arrival has learned to understand the local situation better.

The working day of the average Israeli is planned far better than for his American counterpart. Stores and offices generally open between 7 and 8 in the morning. I am due at my own office at 7:30. At about 2 p.m. everything closes down tight, and most folks who live close enough to their place of employment go home for a nap or siesta. All business comes to an almost complete standstill until 4 p.m. when most stores and a few offices reopen for about two hours.

Dinner hour is about 8 p.m., and any one who suggests dining at six is looked upon as strange.

The housewife's day, of course, has no fixed hours, and whether or not she finishes her cooking, cleaning, washing and mending depends to a large extent on how long she has had to stay in line at the market.

SOCIAL LIFE HAS CERTAIN inherent difficulties. Most homes are without telephones, and if you wish to visit friends whom you do not ordinarily see, the visit must be made without prior announcement. All sorts of embarrassing situations are thus caused, but the people have learned to accept these simple difficulties. We once made the mistake of visiting at three in the afternoon, and woke up everybody in the still apartment house.

The only place in Israel I recall ever having seen wooden floors is in the ZOA House in Tel Aviv. All homes have stone tile floors which, to my mind, are infinitely more attractive. They are cleaned by slopping them with water, and then mopping up.

Many Americans have objected to the comparatively small window space, but we learned our lesson during the last hot days of the summer. To keep these houses cool one closes the windows and shutters. Our apartment used to be conspicuous because we would throw the shutters open wide, but we have since learned better. At the proper time one opens up to receive the evening breeze.

IT IS DIFFICULT to become accustomed to weather conditions. From the last rains of spring, until the first few drops which fall in November, there is no rainfall in Israel. It is almost uncanny to watch the big clouds sail over Mount Carmel of an evening, yet to know that the weather tomorrow will be "Fair and warm." Every sort of outdoor activity can be planned with that perfect assurance. Our first humorous comment to each other, in various connections, about the possibility of "rain tomorrow" has now become threadbare.

Our two older children are registered at the Reali School, perhaps the best private school in the country. The alternative was to send them to a free public school, but most of these exist only under the supervision of the political parties, and we were faced with the decision of what political indoctrination to give the youngsters. Bet Hasefer Hareali was the answer. It is terribly expensive, but has the added advantage of smaller classes. The public schools are jammed to the rafters. In their first year here the children should be afforded every opportunity to accclimate and acculturate themselves with ease.

Though known as the school for aristocrats, Reali actually practices a puritan equalitarianism. To prevent displays of snobishness in dress or competitions in clothing fashion, the school has adopted a simple uniform which all pupils must wear. For the boys it is cotton khaki shirt and shorts; for the girls, a blue

dress with white collar and cuffs. The female desire for frills cannot be entirely repressed, however, and each girl wears a showy handkerchief tucked into her breast pocket. The hankies vie with each other in lace edges, color and design. The motto of the school, worn on a patch over the heart, may be translated roughly as: "Practice humility." I shall doubtless have more to report on the schools and education system of Israel on another occasion.

THERE IS NO television to watch, so when people gather at homes of an evening, they practice the art of conversation or listen to record collections of symphonic music. The radio programs of the Israel broadcasting service, Kol Yisrael, are not distinguished for their entertainment value. As newcomers we still enjoy twirling the dials and listening in on Cairo, Damascus, Beirut and all the capitals of Europe. The other day we heard "The Halls of Ivy" repeated by Cairo via transcription picked up from New York. We find the "Voice of America," in Hebrew, of interest, but strangely almost nobody in Israel ever listens. Practically nothing is done to promote a listening audience, though the broadcasts must cost the State Department quite a sum of money.

In our new apartment house, four apartments are occupied. Only two have put up mezuzot. Comment on religion in Israel must also wait for another occasion.

DO THE Alperis like it in Israel? many have asked. We have had not a moment of regret. To the contrary, the thrill and the excitement have intensified, rather than worn off, with the passage of time. There is so much to do—and it all seems so worthwhile. We shall tell you more about it from week to week.

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Nahum Goldmann Proves to Be Brilliant Diplomat

By M. Z. FRANK

DR. Nahum Goldmann's brilliant achievement in arranging the negotiations with Germany and bringing them to a successful conclusion vindicates his claim to distinction as a diplomat. It still does not make him a good shoemaker, or a good carpenter, or a good leader.

He makes a very good chairman. And he is a good negotiator among parties and groups. But the problem facing the Zionist movement today is not how to negotiate between existing groups, but rather how to re-create a vital Zionist movement. So far, no one has been able to do it.

If Goldmann's official position were that of a roving Jewish diplomat, there would be no problem. But he is the chairman of the Jewish Agency in America, and by far the ablest member of the Agency Executive. In this capacity, he has demonstrated his ability by maneuvering to save the Agency's position, but not to solve the basic problems of the Agency's functions and its responsibility to the public.



FRANK

THERE ARE THOSE WHO THINK that the Agency ought to be liquidated. This writer often sounded as if he advocated such a course.

In theory, this may be the logical solution: scrap the Agency and divide its functions and departments among the Government of Israel, the local Zionist bodies and some non-Zionist organizations.

In practice, however, this is not feasible, at least in the near future.

First, because the Israel Government is not yet sufficiently well organized to carry out the liquidation in a thorough, systematic manner. (It is doing it piecemeal, in a spasmodic manner).

Second, because the Agency has financial assets and obligations and legal entanglements which cannot be resolved in a day all the more so when the Government is so disorganized. (Now, with the reparations, it has more assets and legal entanglements).

THE THING TO DO, then, is to try to introduce some order into the mess. The first prerequisite is the pressure of public opinion. The next step is closer control by the public bodies to which the Agency is beholden.

Legally, constitutionally, the Agency is beholden to the Zionist movement. Financially, it is beholden to the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Community Federations, and similar bodies.

The instruments by which the Zionist movement controls the Agency—the Congress and the Actions Committee—are so clumsily organized, so detached from real pressures, that they are practically atrophied. Only strong pressure from the general public can force them into action. The grass-roots membership organizations, the ZOA, Hadassah, the LZOA, the Mizrahi, will have to take more interest in the Agency's workings.

THE FINANCIAL SOURCES of the Agency may feel diffident about interfering in policy matters, but they have a right and a duty to press for better efficiency, for decent bookkeeping and accounting, and for technical improvements.

If competition should arise between the Zionists and the constituents of the UJA about the respective amount of control, it will be all to the good.

That is the way democracy works.

DUSSELDORF, Germany—The Government of Saudi Arabia has re-instated an order for the construction of a radio system in that country by a German firm which it had cancelled just after the signing of the reparations agreement between Israel and West Germany.

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'MAN-IN-STREET' DOESN'T LIKE HIS RABBIS TO MIX IN POLITICS

By WILLIAM KITAY

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (NJP)—The Jewish "man-in-the-street" prefers not to have his rabbi dabble publicly in politics, out of the simple fear that a rabbi's political stand may be taken as the attitude of all Jews.

Such was the consensus of the people reached by The Post in a random poll on the Truman-Silver-Eisenhower incident.

Here are a few typical comments:

Manny Silverstein, store owner: "Rabbis have no business mixing into politics. They are spiritual leaders. Their job is to interpret the Bible and the teachings of our Fathers. There's nothing clean about politics and a person no matter how righteous cannot mix in it without getting his hands soiled. Rabbi Silver as usual shot his mouth off thinking only about himself and his political affiliations in Ohio and not about American Jewry."

Hyman Rosenbaum, dress cutter: "Why shouldn't Rabbi Silver speak out? It's about time we got over the idea that rabbis should hide in their Temples. Rabbis are human beings and they have their feelings and their convictions too. Besides, the rabbis are trained to think and to evaluate and to lead. Why shouldn't they speak up when they think a thing is right or wrong? If more rabbis got into politics maybe there would be a few more honest politicians around and maybe more people would vote and participate in government."

Joe Friedman, taxi driver: "Rabbi Silver can vote anyway he wants to. This is a free country. If he likes Ike that's his business. I don't think though he should put it into all the papers that Ike's wonderful and that Truman is a louse. Now everybody who rides in my cab and sees my name on the identification cards says to me, 'I see the Jews have come out for Ike.'"

A. J. Mandel, accountant: "No, Rabbi Silver should not have done what he did in making a big to-do about his backing of Eisenhower. I understand that

the rabbi likes Taft too and that is his privilege. But I've had a few people already tell me that they expected the Jews to come out for Eisenhower because all Jews are Republicans since Jews have all the money in the country."

Mrs. Rose Paul, housewife: "I don't care very much how Rabbi Silver feels about either Eisenhower or about Truman or about Stevenson. What did bother me was that the story in the papers said in the headlines that the nation's foremost Zionist leader backs Eisenhower. This was by implication saying that all Zionists were for Eisenhower. As a long-time Zionist I resent this because it is not true and because it can lead to political trouble later on. I can see many Congressmen fighting aid to Israel on that issue alone. Leaders of the Zionist Organization of America censured the Labor Zionists for backing Stevenson. I think the ZOA should at least issue a statement that Rabbi Silver's public announcement was personal with him and that he did not speak for the membership of the ZOA."

H. R. Roth, insurance agent: "At first I was upset when I read Rabbi Silver had made his big announcement in favor of Eisenhower. The more I thought of it, the better I liked the whole idea. The impression given in the newspapers was that Rabbi Silver spoke for all American Jews and that all Jews were for Ike. I didn't like this at all and then it dawned on me that perhaps this was a good thing in disguise. I figured that with all the anti-Semitism we have in this country, no doubt thousands of voters now will not vote for Ike because he's the candidate of the Jews. And since I'm for Stevenson, the less people who vote for Eisenhower, the better it will be for us hard working common people in November."

'Adolf Schickelgruber Slept Here' U.S. Army Embarrassed To Learn

CHICAGO—A letter written by Brig. Gen. Julius Klein to U.S. Army Headquarters in Europe was instrumental in having removed from the barracks of the American garrison at Lichterfelde, Berlin, Germany, an embarrassing ornament, the public relations executive disclosed this week.

Klein passed on to headquarters information he received from Franz Gerstenberg, who is connected with his brother, William Klein, in Germania Broadcast, reputedly America's oldest foreign language program, that on a wall of the barracks was a stone on which were inscribed the German national emblem eagle, and the initials

AHL, meaning "Adolf Hitler Leibstandarte."

"Many inhabitants of Berlin," Gerstenberg told Klein, "ridicule this fact and believe that the American army does not know what those initials mean." Klein also forwarded a photo of the questionable stone which Gerstenberg sent him.

Early in September, Klein received a letter from Brig. Gen. Edward J. O'Neill, U.S. deputy chief of staff in Europe, informing him that "the stone has been removed, blasted to bits and buried." Gen. O'Neill, added that the stone "was not removed earlier because (its) significance had not become known to our garrison in Berlin."

Jewish Chronicle Gets Lost Volume

MONTREAL, Can.—Thanks to the Canadian Jewish Congress, The Jewish Chronicle of London again has a bound copy of volume one (1841-42) of the paper.

During World War II, the Chronicle's library, containing a full set of the volumes of the paper, was destroyed in the London blitz. The paper succeeded in regaining most of the missing volumes from sources all over the world. The extremely rare volume one was one of the few still missing.

World Jewry Totals 11,672,000

New York (WNS)—The Jewish population of the world, distributed over 97 different countries, totals 11,672,000, according to a survey made public this week by the World Jewish Congress.

Three nations—the United States, Israel and Russia—account for more than 70 per cent of the total, the survey revealed. The U.S. has approximately 5,000,000, the Soviet Union some 2,000,000, and Israel 1,450,000. China, according to the report, has 1,200,000 Jews.

Breaking down Jewish population figures on a continental basis, the survey reports 5,865,506 Jews in the Americas, 3,379,657 in Europe, 1,663,995 in Asia, 707,025 in Africa and 55,845 in Australia and New Zealand.

An interesting sidelight revealed in the report is the Jewish population of Ethiopia, which is given, on the basis of figures supplied by the Jewish community of Addis Ababa, as 20,100. Of these, 20,000 are Falashas, or "Black Jews," who claim descent from the Queen of Sheba. The remaining 100 constitute the community of the capital city.

JWB Parley Adopts \$2,759,883 Budget

WASHINGTON (WNS)—A 1953 budget of \$2,759,883 was adopted by the National Jewish Welfare Board at its national leadership conference here this week.

The proposed budget, to be raised through allocation from local Jewish federations and welfare funds throughout the country, provides \$1,170,200 for the JWB's services to the 150,000 Jewish men and women in the U. S. armed forces, and \$717,575 for services to American Jewish communities through the Jewish community centers program.

JWB is the national coordinating agency in the Jewish community center field, and the agency recognized by the U. S. Government for meeting the religious, welfare and morale needs for Jewish armed forces personnel. Also, recruitment of Jewish chaplains for the armed forces is coordinated by the JWB.

Hebrew U. Students Won't Pay Tuition

JERUSALEM—Despite a threat that school opening would be delayed unless tuition fees were paid, the executive committee of the Students Union of the Hebrew University last week voted to refuse to pay the fees, which were raised sharply for the coming year to IL100, of which IL20 are for a scholarship fund.

In rejecting the University's demand, the Students Union said it was willing to negotiate the question with the University on the basis of the recommendations of the Knesset Education Committee, which had set the higher tuition fee.

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Rabbi Goldman Ill, Misses First Service

CHICAGO (NJP)—Rabbi Solomon Goldman last week missed his first season-opening Friday night service in 23 years as spiritual leader of Anshe Emet Synagogue, when he was confined to bed because of illness.

Congregants at the service, which was to have marked the beginning of Rabbi Goldman's 24th year with Anshe Emet, were told that Rabbi Goldman "requires only rest," and that he would be able to attend services in a week or two.

London Jews Rapped By Chief Rabbi

LONDON—Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of Great Britain declared last week it was a "disgrace" that such a large Jewish community as London's could not find the necessary money to support a kosher meal service for Jewish school children. The Jewish Chronicle reported.

Rabbi Brodie made his criticism at a meeting of the Kosher School-Meals Service, which caters or provides kosher meals for about 1,500 Jewish students at about 60 Jewish and non-Jewish schools daily.

The service's deficit this year is expected to be over LS10,000, as compared with the usual LS7,500, since its present premises have been condemned and it will have to find new premises.

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